

Hunting and fishing techniques and food preservation

Hunting and fishing techniques

The bait : an isolated man is used as a bait to lure wild animals. Hunters in ambush wait until the animal is close to its pray and attack it,.

Battue : the animal is encircled and pushed towards a ditch .

Trap : a hole is digged into the ground and covered with leaves ; the animal is pushed towards this trap

Fishing in rivers with spears and pointed assegais. Men also use wicker baskets as traps for fish and put hooks made out of bones at the end of ropes.

Food processing and preservation

Reindeer : a single animal provides 400kg meat and fat. The skin and the fur are tanned with bones to make clothes or tents, the guts are used to make catguts, the antlers to make weapons.

The mammoth people : they lived in the western part of Russia which was covered with glaciers and had to face very cold winds; there was not much snow. Mammoths were an extraordinary resource for them, Bones of the animal were used to make their huts ; they were piled up and could last several hundred years, The meat of the animal could be kept during the long winter in the frozen soil ; as wood was scarce they used the bones as fuel and the tusks as raw material to make weapons or jewels or containers,

Some animals are hunted for their furs as the fox to make clothes or the bear to make rugs.